

County Voter Information Guide

Consolidated General Election Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Polls are open 7am - 8pm

Tehama County Elections Department

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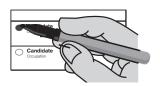
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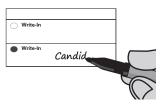
Instructions to Voters

To vote for the candidate you want, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice.

To vote for a Measure fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" or "No".



To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name in the place provided and <u>fill in the oval to the left of the</u> candidate's name.



Do not select more candidates than the number to be elected. You may vote in as many or as few contests as you want. A mistake in one contest does not affect the rest of your ballot.

Use a blue or black ink pen or the pen provided at the polls to mark your ballot. Do not use red ink or highlighter. Do not erase.

If you change your mind or make a mistake, contact the Elections Office at (530) 527-8190 for the procedure to obtain a replacement ballot.

Voting by mail: After voting, review your ballot and place it in the return envelope. Sign and date the envelope in the place provided and mail it back. Your envelope <u>must be signed</u> for your ballot to be counted.



VOTER'S GUIDE INFORMATION SECTION

The Following Pages Contain
Voter Information Applicable to your Ballot
Which May Include:

- **CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS**
- **BALLOT MEASURES**
- ANALYSIS
- ARGUMENT PRO & CON
- **TEXT OF MEASURES**

This guide section does not contain a complete list of candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on the Ballot. Each candidate's statement in this guide is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate.

The text, grammar and spelling are as submitted by the authors or candidates.

PROPOSITION 34 – CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on ballots in Tehama County, the following persons have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to publish a statement of qualifications in the local voter information guide.

State Senate, 1st District

MEGAN DAHLE, Party Preference: Republican DAVID FENNELL, Party Preference: Republican

State Assembly, 3rd District

JAMIE "JAMES" GALLAGHER, Party Preference: Republican AARON DRAPER, Party Preference: Democratic

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Top-Two Candidates Open Primary Act

Under the Top 2 Open Primary Act, approved by the voters in 2010, only the top two candidates who received the top number of votes in the primary election will appear on the General Election Ballot. Candidates from these offices may have the same political party preference. Also write-in candidates are no longer allowed for these contests at the General Election. For more information, please contact the Tehama County Elections Department at (530) 527-8190 or toll-free (866) 289-5307.

The voter-nominated offices that the Top 2 Open Primary Act applies to are: Governor; Lt. Governor; Secretary of State; U.S. Senate; Controller; Treasurer; Attorney General; Insurance Commissioner; Board of Equalization, District 1; U.S. Representative, District 1; State Senator, District 1; State Assembly, District 3.

The voter-nominated offices that will appear on the Consolidated General Election Ballot for November 5, 2024 will be: U.S. Senate; U.S. Representative, District 1; State Senator, District 1; and State Assembly, District 3.

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

Proposition 14, approved by the voters in 2010, authorizes political parties to endorse candidates to Voter-Nominated offices. This pamphlet contains the official endorsements that we received by the deadline and are printed as submitted.

The American Independent Party endorses the following candidate(s):

 Candidate Name
 Party Preference
 Office

 Doug LaMalfa
 Republican
 U.S. Representative, District 1

 David Fennell
 Republican
 State Senate, District 1

 James Gallagher
 Republican
 State Assembly, District 3

The Democratic Party endorses the following candidate(s):

 Candidate Name
 Party Preference
 Office

 Adam Schiff
 Democratic
 U.S. Senate Full Term

 Adam Schiff
 Democratic
 U.S. Senate Partial Term

 Rose Penelope Yee
 Democratic
 U.S. Representative, District 1

 Aaron Draper
 Democratic
 State Assembly, District 3

The Republican Party endorses the following candidate(s):

 Candidate Name
 Party Preference
 Office

 Doug LaMalfa
 Republican
 U.S. Representative, District 1

 James Gallagher
 Republican
 State Assembly, District 3



U.S. SENATE CONTEST

There are two U.S. Senate contests on the November 5, 2024 Consolidated General Election ballot.

- One for the regular 6-year term ending on January 3, 2031.
- One for the remainder of the current term ending on January 3, 2025.

You may vote for both contests.

Join the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee and Language Accessibility Advisory Committee!

What is VAAC & LAAC?

The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) is designed to assist the county Election Departments with issues related to the accessibility of elections for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) is designed to advise and assist with implementation of Federal and State laws relating to access to electoral process by voters with limited English proficiency, so that all persons who can vote can understand the voting process.

Responsibilities:

- · Attend quarterly VAAC/LAAC meetings.
- Make recommendations to improve access to voting and election materials.
- Plan/promote outreach to voters with disabilities and language minority communities.
- Provide the public a forum to voice concerns and make recommendations on ways to improve the electoral process for voters with limited English proficiency.

An application is required, please visit:

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 1ST DISTRICT

DOUG LAMALFA Age: 64

Occupation: Farmer, Member of the United States House of Representatives

Education and Qualifications: The last several years have been difficult for too many of our North State neighbors. Inflation has taken a bite out of family budgets, gas and energy prices have soared, and outside crime and lawlessness have increased in our rural towns. The regulatory challenges we face in Northern California just keep growing.

Bloated federal budgets fuel inflation and add to the national debt. As your representative in Congress, I voted for the Bi-Partisan Fiscal Responsibility Act to limit spending and save taxpayers \$2.1 trillion by cutting bureaucracy and fraud.

I continue to fight to improve the management of our federal forests, more aid for disaster recovery, and tax relief for the victims of wildfires. Increasing water supplies and protecting our water from being wasted by government mismanagement is a priority. I've been able to deliver billions of dollars for Sites Reservoir planning and construction.

Mass illegal immigration, the menace of fentanyl and the tragedy of human trafficking are symptoms of the current Administration's refusal to control the border. I've voted to strengthen and defend the border by completing the border fence, as national security is paramount.

I've consistently worked to bring energy prices down and make America energy independent by increasing domestic oil and natural gas production as well as renewables such as biomass power and clean, cheap hydroelectric. I will always protect our constitutional and individual rights. It is a privilege to be your voice. I'd be honored to receive your vote. www.DougLaMalfa.com or call 530-712-3675.

s/Doug LaMalfa



STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 1ST DISTRICT

ROSE PENELOPE YEE

Occupation: Businesswoman, Volunteer NonProfit Leader

Education and Qualifications: I am running for Congress to protect and expand our freedom to access the healthcare we need, to get the education we want, to achieve financial security, and to live in a safe environment.

As a small business owner, a leader in the socially responsible business movement, and a survivor of dictatorship, I know what it takes to persist through tough challenges and build support across differences to drive positive change. And as the North State's representative in Congress, I will use those skills to make life better for the people of this district and all Americans.

My priorities include: guaranteeing quality, affordable healthcare to everyone, ultimately through Medicare for All; increasing funding for education in rural communities, ensuring that everyone who wants to can go to college and expanding apprenticeship programs; protecting Social Security and creating a federal jobs guarantee; restoring women's rights to make decisions about their own bodies; and investing in wildfire prevention and resilience, clean water, and clean energy projects that create good long-term jobs.

To secure these foundations for a thriving community and personal freedom, we must also eliminate the excessive influence of billionaires on our government. I will pursue all avenues for doing that. I'm here to challenge systems that need challenging and provide real representation for the people of this district.

Please go to www.roseforcongress.com to learn more about me and my Care Agenda.

It will be my honor to serve you.

s/Rose P. Yee



STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR, 1ST DISTRICT

MEGAN DAHLE

Occupation: Farmer/Businesswoman/Mother

Education and Qualifications: As an Assemblywoman, I championed issues of the North State in Sacramento and successfully secured tens of millions of dollars for our communities.

There is more work to be done.

Reducing California's high cost of living is my top priority.

Families can't afford the rising gas tax, higher taxes and increased healthcare costs.

That's why I fought to reduce the gas tax, backed legislation to cap the price of insulin at \$35 for a 30 day supply, voted to lower taxes on items needed by pregnant women, and supported legislation to require insurance companies to cover diagnostic imaging for women suspected of having breast cancer.

Crime is out of control and we need criminals off our streets.

In the Assembly, I led efforts to crack down on sexual predators, co-authored a law to more severely punish human traffickers, and backed measures to more effectively prosecute fentanyl dealers.

To reduce homelessness, I've supported legislation that addresses mental health and addiction issues.

Working to prevent catastrophic wildfires, I've fought for increased forestry management, proper maintenance of power lines, and increased firefighting resources. These efforts will improve fire insurance availability and cost, protect homes, and save lives.

The California Professional Firefighters, California Association of Highway Patrolmen and CAL FIRE Local 2881 support my re-election. Please join them and my campaign to get California back on track.

Please visit www.votemegandahle.com to learn more about my values.

I would be honored to have your vote.

s/Megan Dahle



STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR, 1ST DISTRICT

DAVID FENNELL Age: 55

Occupation: Entrepreneur

Education and Qualifications: My name is David Fennell. I am running to be your State Senator in the newly redrawn Senate District 1.

From the White House to local offices, there is a concern that current leaders are too aged or sometimes are not healthy enough for the job.

There needs to be a new generation to lead the North State!

Our great farmers literally feed our nation. Our education systems and businesses power the world economy. Yet too often our great North State is outvoted by special interests in Los Angeles.

It is time to elect a North State fighter who will ensure water for farmers, protect our forests against fire and ensure new economic development for our rural communities and inner cities.

The North State is in a state of transitions with a wave of retirees and an influx of new residents and technology companies.

We have problems with homelessness.

Our university enrollments are down.

Crime is up.

To address these problems we need to elect a new generation of leaders!

I am a business owner, but I also come from a farming family. I have the experience and education to lead our great state.

We want a leader who will expand opportunities while preserving our North State way of life.

It is time to elect a fighter! Our best years are yet to come! Vote David Fennell for State Senate! I won't let you down California!

www.fennellforsenate.com

s/David Fennell



FULL TEXT OF THE RED BLUFF JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE L

For over 120 years, Red Bluff Joint Union High School District (the "District") has sought to educate and empower our students and serve as a social and cultural hub for students and non-students alike. However, many District school buildings are decades old and need repair. While some classrooms and school buildings have been updated over the past few years, additional classroom upgrades are required to successfully train students for future jobs our community needs, in fields like emergency response, healthcare, firefighting, and manufacturing. At the same time, the District wants to provide safe, clean schools for students by investing in basic repairs to roofs, plumbing, electrical systems, and bathrooms. The Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") has evaluated the District's facility needs, including safety issues, basic repairs, and career technical education needs in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure as described below.

Upon passage of Measure <u>L</u>, the District shall be authorized to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$33,600,000 (the "Bonds"), bearing interest at rates not exceeding the statutory limit, for the purpose of funding the school facilities projects listed below (the "Projects") at the District's school sites and properties, subject to the accountability safeguards set forth below.

Bond Accountability Measures

At its June 24, 2024 meeting, the Board of the District certified that it evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing the list of the Projects (the "Bond Project List") set forth below. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used only for the Projects identified in the Bond Project List below, and not for any other purpose (i.e., teacher and administrative salaries and other school operating expenses).

The proceeds of the Bonds will be accounted for separately. The Board is bound to conduct financial and performance audits annually to account for the Bond funds and to assure that funds have only been expended on the specific Projects authorized.

The Board will appoint a citizens' oversight committee (the "Citizens' Oversight Committee") having a minimum of seven members and including at least one member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, one member active in a senior citizens' organization, one member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, one member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and one member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization.

Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement, along with related costs, of school facilities as set forth herein, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this measure shall be deposited with the Tehama County Treasurer as required by the California Education Code.

Bond Project List

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this ballot measure, describes the specific Projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the Bonds.

The Board of the District is committed to preparing students for college, careers, and beyond by upgrading classrooms for career preparedness; replacing leaky roofs, plumbing, and electrical systems; improving campus safety, supervision, and student wellness; and acquiring, constructing, and modernizing

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school facilities and equipment. To achieve these goals and develop this Bond Project List, the Board evaluated its critical facility needs (including safety, class size reduction, and information technology) and sought input from the public, teachers, staff, and parents.

In order to meet all identified facilities needs, the District intends to complete the Projects using a combination of funding sources. These sources may include joint-use funds, development impact fees, state funds, federal funds, and other available funds. The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available, and if received, they will be used for and mainly applied to Projects on this Bond Project List or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted in Education Code section 17070.63(c).

Specific Projects which may be funded by Measure \underline{L} include, without limitation, the following:

Classrooms for Future Jobs

- Renovate, construct, acquire, modernize, repurpose, and repair classrooms and facilities for future career and student apprenticeships for programs such as health occupations, firefighting/EMT, therapeutic services, culinary arts, and child development
- Acquire and/or upgrade furniture and equipment
- Upgrade technology infrastructure, wiring, and wireless network systems

Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades

- Repair or replace inefficient and failing plumbing, and mechanical systems
- Upgrade outdated electrical infrastructure, power distribution and inefficient lighting systems
- Repair or replace failing roof systems
- Repair, modernize, or replace outdated interior and exterior finishes including cabinetry, doors and window systems, and repaint interior and exterior surfaces
- Repurpose and modernize existing facilities
- Replace non-conforming and non-compliant structures including concession and press box facilities, and other appurtenances
- Repair or replace failing site drainage, pavement, concrete, and eroded landscape areas
- Repair, replace, renovate aging pool and tennis court facilities
- Incorporate and install sustainability, energy efficiency and water conservation measures
- Upgrade Performing Arts Center rear seating

• Campus Safety and Wellness

- Install new and/or repair existing fencing and gates
- Install electronic access controls to all doors and points of entry



- Correct earthquake safety deficiencies that may be encountered
- Improve facilities to meet current health and safety codes, including emergency signage and emergency lighting upgrades
- Upgrade aging baseball field lighting and install new softball and soccer field LED lighting
- Repair or replace uneven pavement, drainage inlets and concrete tripping hazards
- Remediate hazardous materials encountered such as asbestos, PCB's and lead paint
- Repurpose existing building or construct a new building for District Health and Wellness Center
- Provide and install appropriate signage, visual and sound enhancement devices
- Renovate, construct, acquire, modernize, repurpose, and repair classrooms and facilities at the Salisbury Alternative School Site (ISP, FOCUS, and Salisbury High School

Bond Program Management Costs

Project expenditures may also include:

- Staffing and other general and administrative costs to manage and execute the Bond program, including the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the Projects.
- Escalation reserve for unforeseen price inflation costs.
- Program reserve for unanticipated scope costs or for unanticipated opportunities to enhance project scope or schedules consistent with authorized Projects.

For any of the Projects, with respect to construction at an existing District site, the District is authorized to identify an alternate site and/or acquire land for such purpose and construct the approved Project at such site if the District has determined that the existing site does not satisfy the requirements of the Division of State Architect or other State laws, codes, and regulations, including, but not limited to, hazardous substances, applicable to school district properties.

The budget for each Project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each Project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded, and Projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each Project, certain of the Projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. The allocation of Bond proceeds may also be affected by the final costs of each Project.

Necessary site preparation/grading/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, reconstruction, modernization, renovation, upgrading, rehabilitation or replacement, furnishing and equipping, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses, or rights of way to the property and are authorized Project costs.

Additional Specifications

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects, and upgrades will be completed only as feasible, and the Bond Project List does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements.

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Such prioritization remains within the province of the Board by subsequent action. The Projects may be completed at any and all school or District sites where such Project is determined necessary. If the Board determines that it is economically feasible and more cost-effective, buildings, fixtures, and equipment may be demolished and replaced or reconstructed rather than modernized, renovated, repaired, or upgraded. Each Project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, architectural. engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, bond project staff, staff training expenses associated with new bond-funded equipment and systems, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the Projects listed above, the Bond Project List also includes the acquisition of land, instructional, maintenance and operational furniture and equipment. payment of the costs of preparation of all facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation, and monitoring), design and construction documents, temporary housing for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by construction projects, and construction, repairs, and improvements in the event of unforeseen design and construction matters, unforeseen emergencies or other circumstances in order to permit the continuance of existing educational services or to avoid danger to life or property.

<u>Single Purpose</u>. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the Bonds and proceeds of the Bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the Bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The Bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a plan of finance determined by the Board pursuant to requirements of law.

<u>Project Requiring State Matching Funds.</u> Approval of Measure <u>L</u> does not guarantee that the proposed District Projects that are the subject of Bonds under Measure <u>L</u> will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure <u>L</u>. Some of the District's Projects may assume the receipt of state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.



IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL RED BLUFF JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE L

This Measure L, known as the Red Bluff Joint Union High School District Career Readiness, Repairs, and Safety Measure, is for the issuance and sale of bonds of up to \$33,600,000 to be issued by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Red Bluff Joint Union High School District (the "District"), located in the County of Tehama. The bonds shall be issued and sold with the purpose of raising money to address specific facility needs. Funds obtained from taxpayers through this measure will be spent in compliance with Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution and California Education Code Section 15264 *et. seq.*

The bonds will fund specific projects listed in the "Bond Project List," including, but not limited to, repairing roofs, electrical systems, improving safety and security, installing energy efficient systems, and renovate and repair classrooms and facilities for future career and student apprenticeships for programs such as health occupations, firefighting, EMT, therapeutic services, culinary arts, and child development.

Furthermore, the District will seek to levy, upon a 55% vote, an *ad valorem* tax upon those who reside within the District to repay those bonds. The *ad valorem* tax would levy, on average, approximately \$29.92 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of property, raising approximately \$2,500,000 annually.

In accordance with and pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278 et seq., the Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results on its minutes. The Board will appoint at least 7 members to the committee with at least one member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, one member active in a senior citizens' organization, one member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, one member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization. The committee will ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for purposes specified in the Bond Project List.

A "yes" vote will approve the issuance and sale of bonds to be repaid by an ad valorem tax.

A "no" vote will not approve the issuance and sale of bonds to be repaid by an ad valorem tax.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Officials in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

Dated: August 5, 2024

s/ Margaret Long Margaret Long Tehama County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure L. If you desire a copy of the full text of the measure, please call the Tehama County Clerk at (530) 527-8190 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also view the full text of Measure L at www.tehama.gov.



TAX RATE STATEMENT RED BLUFF JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE L

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Red Bluff Joint Union High School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$33,600,000 in bonds (the "Bonds") of the District to upgrade classrooms for career preparedness; replace leaky roofs, plumbing, and electrical systems; improve campus safety, supervision, and student wellness; and acquire, construct, and modernize school facilities and equipment, with citizen oversight, independent audits, and no money for administrators' salaries.

If the Bonds are authorized and sold, debt service thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9405 of the Elections Code of the State of California. It is anticipated that the District will sell the Bonds in multiple series.

- 1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this Bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$29.92 per \$100,000 (2.992¢ per \$100) of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2053-54.
- 2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this Bond issue, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$29.97 per \$100,000 (2.997¢ per \$100) of assessed valuation which would first occur in fiscal year 2028-29.
- 3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the Bonds are issued and sold is \$72,885,170.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rates are based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the Counties' official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. Such projections and estimates are provided for informational purposes only and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the Bonds, tax rate, or duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued Bonds. The actual tax rates, debt service, the years in which they will apply, and the final term of each series of Bonds may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of Bond sales, the amount of Bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the Bonds.

The dates of sale and the amount of Bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% vote. The actual interest rates at which the Bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value

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of taxable property within the District as determined by the Tehama County and Shasta County Assessors in the annual assessment and equalization process.			
Dated: June 24, 2024			
s/Todd Brose Todd Brose Superintendent Red Bluff Joint Union High School District			



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

Vote Yes on Measure L to keep our high school students safe and on the path to success in college and competitive careers.

All our students deserve safe and clean classrooms to help them learn and be prepared for the future. However, many of our school buildings are decades old and need repair.

Additional classroom upgrades are required to successfully train students for good-paying jobs our community needs, in fields like emergency response, healthcare, firefighting, and manufacturing. With this training, more students will be able to stay in our community rather than leaving to find work elsewhere.

That's why we need Measure L. It provides a dedicated, locally controlled source of funding that can only be spent on our local high schools. The State can't take one penny.

Vote Yes on L: Support Student Success

- Provide modern classrooms, career technical facilities, and equipment so students receive a high-quality education and are prepared for in-demand careers
- Repair leaky roofs, outdated plumbing and electrical systems and improve access for students with disabilities
- Improve campus safety and security systems
- Upgrade education technology to keep up with changing standards

A Clear System of Fiscal Accountability

- By law, all funds from Measure L must stay right here in our community
- A detailed project list outlining exactly how Measure L will be spent is included in your voter pamphlet
- Citizen oversight, and annual independent audits ensure funds are spent efficiently, effectively and as promised
- Measure L cannot fund administrator salaries

Strong schools protect strong property values and ensure that our children can stay here and send their children to good, quality schools.

Join our community in voting Yes on L: Prepare all our students for their futures and a chance for success.

s/ Mandi Owens s/ Daniel Ackley

Parent/Business Owner Government/Economics Teacher

s/ Stan Twitchell s/ Debb Gibson

Computer Science Teacher Retired School Employee

s/ Ashley Fisher

Parent



FULL TEXT OF THE RED BLUFF UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE M

RED BLUFF UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY, UPGRADE, RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT MEASURE

This measure may be known and referred to as the "Red Bluff Union Elementary School District School Safety, Upgrade, Renovation and Improvement Measure" or as "Measure M".

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55% of the voters of the Red Bluff Union Elementary School District (the "District") voting on the measure, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$19,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled "BOND PROJECT LIST" below (the "Bond Project List"), and allow the district to qualify to receive potential State of California matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific school facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the Constitution of the State of California (the "California Constitution"), and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Sections 15264 and following of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") has evaluated the facilities needs of the District to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. To address the facilities needs of the District, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to fund the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

<u>Limitations on Use of Bonds</u>. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. More specifically, the Bond Project List provides for the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure and such proceeds shall be applied only to those specific purposes.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. In accordance with and pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278 *et seq.*, the Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results on its minutes pursuant to Section 15274 of the California Education Code, to ensure that (a) bond revenues are expended only for the purposes specified in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and (b) that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses. In accordance with Section 15282 of the California Education Code, the citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens' organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, a member that is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and a member that is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization. The committee may be comprised of the same members of the citizens' oversight committees for other

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District bond measures. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

Annual Performance Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Annual Financial Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(D) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53410 and following, upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be deposited. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53411, as long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the chief fiscal officer of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board at least once a year, stating (a) the amount of funds collected and expended in that year, and (b) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the chief fiscal officer of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Joint-Use Projects. The District may enter into agreements with other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of the school facilities financed with the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure in accordance with California Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this measure hereby specifies and acknowledges that, subject to the limitations on the uses provided for herein, the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Board shall determine.

<u>Single Purpose</u>. All of the purposes enumerated in this measure shall be united and voted upon as one single measure, pursuant to California Education Code Section 15100, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

Bonds may be Issued in Excess of Statutory Bonding Limit. Issuance of all of the authorized bonds might require the outstanding debt of the District to exceed its statutory bonding limit (currently 1.25% of the total assessed valuation of taxable property in the District). In that event, the District intends to seek a waiver of its bonding limit from the State Board of Education, which has the power to waive certain requirements of the California Education Code applicable to the District. By approval of this measure, the voters have authorized the District to seek such a waiver, and to issue authorized bonds in excess of the

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District's statutory bonding limit as the State Board of Education may approve. No such waiver has yet been sought or granted.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of this bond measure and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond measure. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school or school facility site according to Board-established priorities. and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. In so far as permitted by law, each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, permitting and entitlements, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim housing costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to or necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain project funds expected from non-local bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bond proceeds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-local bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure are as follows:

RED BLUFF UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY, UPGRADE, RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT MEASURE PROJECTS

The following projects are authorized to be financed at all school facilities sites District wide, including (with original construction date):

Bidwell Elementary (1943) Jackson Heights Elementary (1955)
Metteer Elementary (1987) Vista Preparatory Academy (1964)

- Make safety and security improvements, including security cameras and fencing
- Repair or replace leaky roofs.
- Repair or replace deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems.
- Upgrade inadequate electrical systems.
- Replace temporary portables with permanent classrooms.
- Repair or replace outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology, including providing necessary infrastructure, hardware, software, computers, devices and other modern instructional equipment throughout District sites.

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- Modernize, renovate, construct and/or expand aging and outdated school facilities to meet 21st century educational standards, including providing updated furnishings and other equipment to facilitate a modern learning environment.
- Make Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades
 including ensuring site access, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of existing
 electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, etc. as necessary to ensure adequate
 accommodations are provided and all legal requirements are met.
- Make energy-efficiency improvements, including replacing outdated and energy inefficient windows and lighting.
- Construct new or upgrade existing classrooms, including classrooms for music programs and the
 arts.
- Improve, rehabilitate and/or construct P.E. fields, gyms, playgrounds and play structures and other facilities for school and community use, including providing related equipment.
- Renovate outdated kitchens and multi-purpose rooms.
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, and other grounds and outdoor areas, including to eliminate safety hazards and to facilitate outdoor instruction.
- Upgrade, repair and/or expand school site parking, roadways, grounds and other infrastructure such as utility systems, including installing exterior lighting, repairing pathways, walkways, ADA access ramps, and make landscaping improvements including irrigation and security fencing.

All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

MISCELLANEOUS

All listed bond projects include the following as needed:

- Planning, designing and providing temporary housing necessary for listed bond projects.
- The inspection, sampling and analysis of grounds, buildings and building materials to determine
 the presence of hazardous materials or substances, including asbestos, lead, etc., and the
 encapsulation, removal, disposal and other remediation or control of such hazardous materials
 and substances.
- Seismic and historical evaluations, site surveys (including topographic, geological and utility surveys), and infrastructure analyses.
- Necessary onsite and offsite preparation or restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable buildings or other temporary buildings, including demolition of structures; removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, drainage, utility lines (gas, water, sewer, electrical, data and voice, etc.), trees and landscaping; and relocating fire access roads or ingress/egress pathways.
- Address other unforeseen conditions revealed by construction, renovation or modernization (including plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic and structural deficiencies, etc.).
- Acquire or construct other improvements required to comply with building codes, including seismic safety requirements, the Field Act, and access requirements.
- Acquisition of any rights-of-way, easements, licenses and/or real property made necessary by listed bond projects, or lease of real property made necessary by the listed bond projects.
- Acquire or construct storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel.



- Furnishing and equipping of classrooms and other school facilities; furnishing and equipping shall
 include initial purchases, and scheduled and necessary replacements, upgrades and updating of
 technology.
- Acquisition of all or a portion of any school site or facility, or an interest therein, or make lease
 payments with respect to any school site or facility, encumbered in order to finance or refinance
 the listed school facilities projects.
- All other costs and work necessary or incidental to the listed bond projects.

PROJECTS INVOLVING RENOVATION, REHABILITATION OR REPAIR

For any project involving renovation, rehabilitation or repair of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition) if the Board of Trustees determines that replacement new construction is more practical than renovation, rehabilitation or repair, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Interpretation. The terms of this bond measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this measure within the authority provided by law, including Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such words as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used in the Bond Project List to describe school facilities projects in plain English and are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond, or have an effect on, and shall be interpreted to only permit, what is authorized under Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. In this regard, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this measure for current maintenance, operations or repairs. The school facilities projects on the Bond Project List only authorize capital expenditures.

Estimated Ballot Information. The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this bond measure concur, that the information included in the statement of the bond measure to be voted on pursuant to Section 13119 of the California Elections Code is based upon the District's projections and estimates only and is not binding upon the District. The amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied for the bonds may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Headings. The headings or titles of the sections of the bond measure, including any headings or titles included in the Bond Project List, are solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect of the bond measure.

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Severability. The Board and the voters hereby declare that every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, application and individual project (individually referred to as "Part" and collectively as "Parts"), of this bond measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each Part hereof regardless of whether any other Part of this bond measure would be subsequently declared invalid. Upon approval of this bond measure by the voters, should any Part of this bond measure be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining Parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the Parts of this bond measure are severable.
"Approval of Measure M does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Red Bluff Union
Elementary School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure M will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure M. The District's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."



IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL RED BLUFF UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE M

This Measure M, known as the Red Bluff Union Elementary School District Safety, Upgrade, Renovation and Improvement Measure, contains an issue and sale is for the issuance and sale of bonds of up to \$19,000,000, issued by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Red Bluff Union Elementary School District (the "District"), located in the County of Tehama. The bonds shall be issued and sold with the purpose of raising money to address specific facility needs. Funds obtained from taxpayers through this measure will be spent in compliance with Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution and California Education Code Section 15264 *et. seq.* The schools contained within the District include Bidwell Elementary, Metteer Elementary, Jackson Heights Elementary, and Vista Preparatory Academy.

The bonds will fund specific projects listed in the "Bond Project List," including, but not limited to, repairing roofs, heating ventilation and air-conditioning systems, electrical systems, sewer systems, replacing temporary portables with permanent classrooms, improving safety and security, installing energy efficient systems, and make Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility updates.

Furthermore, the District will seek to levy, upon a 55% vote, an *ad valorem* tax upon those who reside within the District to repay those bonds. The *ad valorem* tax would levy, on average, approximately \$28.67 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of property, and at the highest rate, approximately \$30.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of property, within the District, raising approximately \$1,100,000 annually. The tax would be levied to fund this bond issue through the 2058-2059 fiscal year.

In accordance with and pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278 et seq., the Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results on its minutes. The committee's members will be selected in accordance with Section 15282 of the California Education Code. The committee will ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for purposes specified in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution and that no funds are used for teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

A "yes" vote will approve the issuance and sale of bonds to be repaid by an ad valorem tax.

A "no" vote will not approve the issuance and sale of bonds to be repaid by an ad valorem tax.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Officials in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

Dated: August 5, 2024

S/ Margaret Long
Margaret Long
Tehama County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure M. If you desire a copy of the full text of the measure, please call the Tehama County Clerk at (530) 527-8190 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also view the full text of Measure M at www.tehama.gov.



TAX RATE STATEMENT RED BLUFF UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE M

TAX INFORMATION STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Red Bluff Union Elementary School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$19,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If the bond measure is approved by at least 55% of the voters of the District voting on the bond measure, the District expects to issue the bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9405 of the California Elections Code.

- 1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$28.67 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax to be levied to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2058-59.
- 2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$30.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2025-26.
- 3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$39,181,000.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, <u>not</u> on the property's market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The average annual tax rate, the highest tax rate, the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected and the year or years in which they will apply, and the actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated for a variety of reasons, including, without limitation, due to variations in the timing of bond sales, the amount or amortization of bonds sold, market conditions at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount or amortization of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% affirmative vote. Market conditions, including, without limitation, interest rates, are affected by economic and other factors beyond the control of the District and will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process. The growth or decline in assessed valuation is the result of a number of economic and other factors outside the control of the District.

Dated:	ated:June 18, 2024.	s/ Cliff Curry
		Superintendent, Red Bluff Union Elementary School Distric



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

Our schools are some of the most important assets in our community and should be our number one priority. From higher-achieving students to greater neighborhood safety and improved property values, high-quality schools make a difference. Although our teachers and staff do their best in educating our children, many classrooms and school facilities at the Red Bluff Union Elementary School District are outdated and inadequate to provide students with the school facilities they need to succeed. This is why our children need your YES vote on Measure M!

While our facilities have been well maintained, aging classrooms and facilities must be upgraded and safety and security improvements are at the top of the list. Our elementary schools are outdated. The average age of our schools is over 60 years old with Bidwell Elementary, our oldest school, first constructed in 1943. Measure M would provide needed funding to the District to improve the quality of education provided to local elementary students. And by investing in our schools, we can meet today's safety, educational, and technological standards as well as better our community.

Measure M, if approved, will make critical facility improvements including:

- Making safety and security improvements, including security cameras and fencing
- Repairing or replacing leaky roofs
- Replacing deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Upgrading inadequate electrical systems
- Modernizing outdated classrooms and restrooms

Measure M makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.

- All funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State.
- By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee.
- Funds can only be spent to improve our schools, not for teachers' or administrators' salaries.

Measure M upgrades and renovates old and inadequate elementary school facilities, improves the education of local children, and maintains the quality of our community. Please join us and **VOTE YES ON MEASURE M!**

s/ Kathryn L. Garcia s/ Patrick Mair s/ Richard DuVarney s/ Ronald Clark s/ Kate Grissom



FULL TEXT OF THE CITY OF RED BLUFF MEASURE P

The City Clerk and City Treasurer shall no longer be elective officials in the City of Red Bluff. From and after January 1, 2025, for both City Clerk and City Treasurer, or upon an earlier vacancy in the office of City Clerk or City Treasurer, the City Clerk and City Treasurer shall be appointed by the City Council. The City Clerk and City Treasurer so appointed shall hold office at the pleasure of the City Council and, notwithstanding California Government Code section 36502 to the contrary, are not required to be a resident or elector in the City. The City Council may by Ordinance vest in the City Manager its authority to appoint the City Clerk and City Treasurer.



IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY COUNSEL THE CITY OF RED BLUFF MEASURE P

This measure is placed on the ballot by the City Council of the City of Red Bluff ("Council") and places before the voters the question of whether the City of Red Bluff offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer should be converted from elected positions to Council appointed positions. State law requires all general law cities, like the City of Red Bluff, to have a City Clerk and a City Treasurer.

Under state law, the only qualifications for holding office as City Clerk or City Treasurer are that the officeholder must: 1) be a resident of the City of Red Bluff; 2) be registered to vote in the City of Red Bluff; and 3) be at least 18 years of age. If a majority "Yes" vote on the measure occurs, the Council would be permitted to establish minimum professional qualifications for each office and to hire, manage, and remove the City Clerk and City Treasurer. Further, it would no longer be required that each officeholder be a City resident or registered to vote within the City of Red Bluff. A "Yes" vote on Measure P will make the positions of City Clerk and City Treasurer appointive. A "No" vote on Measure P means the City Clerk and City Treasurer will continue to be elected by a majority vote of the electorate.

The statutory responsibilities of a City Clerk include keeping accurate records of Council meetings; attesting to ordinances passed by the Council; publishing and keeping a book of City ordinances; strict adherence to the Brown Act, Public Records Act, and the Political Reform Act; and serving as custodian of the City seal. The City Clerk is also the City's elections official and filing officer for campaign and economic interest statements. The statutory responsibilities of a City Treasurer include compliance with all laws governing the deposit, investment and securing of public funds; payment of money on warrants; and maintenance of accounts of all receipts, disbursements, and fund balances.

Currently, both offices are elected for a four-year term. If the offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer are converted to appointed positions, the City Council may, thereafter by ordinance, delegate the power to appoint the City Clerk or City Treasurer to the City Manager.

The current terms of office for the City Clerk and Treasurer elected in November 2020 will expire on November 5, 2024. A majority "Yes" vote of the electorate would mean that the City Council may authorize the City Manager to appoint a City Clerk and City Treasurer at the expiration of each such term, as described above, or earlier if either office is vacated during the then-existing term of office.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure P. For a copy of the measure, please contact the City Clerk Department at (530) 527-2605 or email arice@cityofredbluff.org, a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

s/ Sophia Meyer Sophia Meyer, City Attorney



CITY OF RED BLUFF MEASURE R ORDINANCE NO. 1085

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BLUFF IMPOSING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

The Red Bluff City Council ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as, "Measure R: Red Bluff Street Repair and Safety Measure" which shall establish and implement a retail transaction and use tax. The City of Red Bluff hereinafter shall be called "City." This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

2.01. "Authority" means the Red Bluff City Council, pursuant to the Local Transportation Authority and Improvement Act set forth at California Public Utilities Code Section 180000 et seq.

2.02. "City" means the City of Red Bluff.2.03. "County" means the County of Tehama.

2.04. "Expenditure Plan" means the Expenditure Plan attached to this Ordinance as

Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein.

2.05. "Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of the ordinance, the date of such adoption being as set forth below.

2.06. "Ordinance" means the Measure R: Red Bluff Street Repair and Safety Measure ordinance which establishes and implements the retail transaction and use tax set forth herein.

SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE PLAN PURPOSES.

3.01. This Ordinance provides for the implementation of the Expenditure Plan, as approved and adopted by the City of Red Bluff, which will result in citywide local street improvements, ADA upgrades adjacent to street improvements, pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver safety improvements. These needed improvements shall be funded by a three quarters of one percent retail transactions and use tax established for a twenty-year period. The revenues shall be deposited in a special fund, used solely for the transportation projects, improvements and programs described in the **Expenditure Plan** which is considered a part of this Ordinance and hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

3.02. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.91 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the City of Red Bluff to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if two-thirds of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

3.03. To adopt a retail transaction and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and

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Taxation Code.

3.04. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

3.05. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance

SECTION 4. REQUEST FOR ELECTION.

- 4.01. The City of Red Bluff hereby requests the Tehama County Board of Supervisors place this Ordinance before the voters for approval on the November 5, 2024, ballot.
- 4.02. The proposition to be placed on the ballot shall contain a summary of the projects, improvements, and programs and shall read substantially as follows:

Red Bluff Street Repair and Safety Measure. Shall the measure providing Red Bluff funding to fix potholes; maintain and repair deteriorating local streets and roads; reduce expensive future repairs; improve safety for drivers, pedestrians, disabled residents, including safe routes to children's school; and make the City eligible for state/ federal matching funds, by establishing a locally controlled ¾ of one-cent sales tax providing approximately \$3,800,000 annually for 20 years; requiring independent audits and public disclosure.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE, OPERATIVE AND TERMINATION DATES.

5.01. This Ordinance shall become effective on November 5, 2024, only if a two-thirds majority of the electors voting on this Ordinance at the election held on November 5, 2024, vote to approve the Ordinance. If so approved, the provisions of this Ordinance shall become operative on April 1, 2025, and shall be imposed and collected for a period of twenty (20) years thereafter.

5.02. The authority to levy the tax authorized pursuant to this Ordinance shall expire on March 31, 2045.

SECTION 6. CONTRACT WITH STATE.

6.01. Prior to the operative date, the City of Red Bluff shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the City of Red Bluff shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

SECTION 7. TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX RATE.

7.01. For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated City of Red Bluff at the rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ of one-cent (.75%) of the gross

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receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the Operative Date of this Ordinance.

7.02. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the incorporated City of Red Bluff of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the Operative Date of this Ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

SECTION 8. EXPENDITURE PLAN PROCEDURES

- 8.01. It is the intent of the Legislature and the City of Red Bluff that revenues provided from this Ordinance be used to supplement existing revenues being used for transportation projects, improvements and programs.
- 8.02. Pursuant to the intent of the Public Utilities Code section 180001, a jurisdiction cannot redirect monies currently being used for transportation purposes to other uses, and then replace the redirected funds with local street maintenance and improvement dollars from the retail transaction and use tax.

SECTION 9. ORDINANCE PURPOSES.

- 9.01. This Ordinance is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish these purposes:
- A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Division 19 (commencing with Section 180000) of the California Public Utilities Code, and Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.91 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the Authority to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if two-thirds (2/3) of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.
- B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Division 19 (commencing with Section 180000) of the California Public Utilities Code, and Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.
- C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.
- D. The funds generated by the transaction and use tax authorized by this Ordinance may only be used for transportation purposes including the administration of the Expenditure Plan, as may be amended, including defense or prosecution of legal actions related thereto, the construction, acquisition, maintenance, streets, highways, including state highways and for related transportation purposes, including project management and oversight of the projects to be funded using the transaction and use tax, such as project delivery. These purposes include expenditures for planning, environmental reviews,

engineering and design costs, adjacent ADA improvements, construction management and related rightof-way acquisition, if necessary. Expenditures also include, but are not limited to, debt services on bonds or other indebtedness, and expenses and reserves in connection with the issuance of the same.

SECTION 10. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW.

10.01. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 11. LIMITATIONS ON ADOPTION OF STATE LAW AND COLLECTION OF USE TAXES.

- 11.01. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City of Red Bluff shall be substituted, therefore. However, the substitution shall not be made when:
- 1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;
- 2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City of Red Bluff or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this Ordinance.
- 3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:
- a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. or:
- b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.
- 4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- 11.02. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.
- 1. "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

SECTION 12. ADDITONAL PERMIT NOT REQUIRED.

12.01. If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under section 6067 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this Ordinance.

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SECTION 13. EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS.

- 13.01. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.
- 13.02. There are exemptions from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:
- 1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.
- 2. Sales of property to be used outside the City of Red Bluff which is shipped to a point outside the City of Red Bluff, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City of Red Bluff shall be satisfied:
- a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City of Red Bluff address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and
- b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business outof-City of Red Bluff and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.
- 3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.
- 4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.
- 5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
- 13.03 There are exemptions from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of Red Bluff of tangible personal property:
- 1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.
- 2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.
- 3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.
- 4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.



- 5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
- 6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the City of Red Bluff shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City of Red Bluff or participates within the City of Red Bluff in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City of Red Bluff or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City of Red Bluff under the authority of the retailer.
- 7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City of Red Bluff" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City of Red Bluff.
- 13.04 Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

SECTION 14. PLACE OF SALE.

14.01. For the purposes of this Ordinance, all retail transactions are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the state or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated for the purpose of a transaction tax imposed by this Ordinance shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

SECTION 15. BONDING AUTHORITY.

- 15.01. The City of Red Bluff shall have the power to sell or issue, at any time, and from time to time, limited tax bonds payable from and secured by the proceeds from the sales tax authorized by this Ordinance in order to finance and refinance the projects identified in the Expenditure Plan.
- 15.02. The maximum bonded indebtedness which may be outstanding at any one time shall be an amount equal to the sum of the principal of, and interest on, the bonds, but not to exceed the estimated proceeds of the tax. The amount of bonds outstanding at any one time does not include the amount of bonds, refunding bonds, or bond anticipation notes for which funds necessary for the payment thereof have been set aside for that purpose in a trust or escrow account.



SECTION 16. AMENDMENTS TO EXPENDITURE PLAN.

- 16.01. The City of Red Bluff may annually review and propose amendments to the Expenditure Plan to provide for the use of additional federal, state, and local funds, to account for unexpected revenues, or to take into consideration unforeseen circumstances. The City of Red Bluff may not amend the sales tax revenue set forth in the Expenditure Plan as the allocations may be amended only if four-fifths majority of the City Council vote to approve.
- 16.02. Amendments to the Expenditure Plan must be passed by a four-fifths majority vote of the Red Bluff City Council by a roll call vote entered in the minutes of the City of Red Bluff following a noticed, public hearing of the Red Bluff City Council.
- 16.03. The Expenditure Plan shall be updated by the City of Red Bluff every five years that the sales tax is in effect to reflect current and changing priorities and needs in the City. Any changes to the Expenditure Plan must be adopted with current law in effect at the time of the update and must be based on findings of necessity for change by the City of Red Bluff.

SECTION 17. AMENDMENTS TO THIS ORDINANCE.

- 17.01. This Ordinance may be amended to further its purposes by the Red Bluff City Council consistent with the provisions of the Red Bluff Municipal Code and State of California law.
- 17.02. Upon completion of that process, amendment(s) to this Ordinance must be passed by a four-fifths majority of the Red Bluff City Council by a roll call vote entered in the minutes the City. The Red Bluff City Council must hold a noticed, public hearing on the matter before formal adoption of any amendment to the Ordinance. Notice of the public hearing shall be published pursuant to Government Code section 6062.
- 17.03. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance

SECTION 18. AUTHORITY COMMITTEES.

- 18.01. The following committee structure is established to advise the Red Bluff City Council in the administration of the Expenditure Plan and this Ordinance:
- A. Measure R Oversight Committee is established to review the independent fiscal audit of the expenditure of the tax funds and issue an annual report on its findings regarding compliance with the requirements of the Expenditure Plan and the Ordinance to the Red Bluff City Council. The Measure R Oversight Committee is responsible for oversight of the proper use of sales tax funds and implementation of the programs and projects set forth in the Expenditure Plan and making recommendations to the Red Bluff City Council. The committee is not a policy making body. The Measure R Oversight Committee shall consist of 5 residents, business owners, property owners within the City of Red Bluff, in any combination thereof as long as there is at least one resident, one business owner and one property owner on the Committee. Members of the Measure R Oversight Committee shall not be members of the Red Bluff City Council nor the Tehama County Board of Supervisors.



SECTION 19. STATUTORY AMENDMENTS.

19.01. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this Ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this Ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this Ordinance.

SECTION 20. CREATION OF SEPARATE ACCOUNT.

- 20.01. All retail transaction and use tax revenue, plus interest, will be deposited in a special fund for the projects identified in the Expenditure Plan. The fund(s) authorized under this Ordinance will be administered by the City of Red Bluff.
- 20.02. The City of Red Bluff shall allocate funds to projects and programs identified in the Expenditure Plan as necessary to meet contractual and program obligations. The City of Red Bluff may allocate funds as described but may reserve the right not to disburse monies until needed to meet contractual project or program obligations. Any interest earned on funds allocated pursuant to this Ordinance shall be expended only for those purposes for which the funds were allocated.

SECTION 21. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

21.01. This Ordinance is not a project as defined in Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and is therefore exempt from CEQA requirements. Prior to the commencement of any project included in the Expenditure Plan, any necessary environmental review required by CEQA shall be completed.

SECTION 22. IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCES.

22.01. Upon approval of this Ordinance by the voters, the City of Red Bluff may, in addition to the local rules required to be provided pursuant to this Ordinance, adopt implementing ordinances, rules and administrative procedures, and take such other actions as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out its responsibilities to implement the Expenditure Plan.

SECTION 23. DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES.

23.01. Each project or program in excess of \$500,000 funded in whole or in part by revenues from this Ordinance shall be clearly designated in writing by signs and/or documents, during its construction or implementation as being funded by revenues from this Ordinance.

SECTION 24. CONTRACTING FOR PROJECT DELIVERY.

24.01. The City of Red Bluff shall have the power to contract for project delivery of any project or program of the Expenditure Plan in the City of Red Bluff.

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SECTION 25. ANNUAL REPORT.

25.01. An annual report will be prepared by the City of Red Bluff within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year identifying the actions and accomplishments of the City in meeting the adopted Expenditure Plan.

SECTION 26. SEVERABILITY.

26.01. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 27. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT.

27.01. Article XIIIB of the California Constitution requires the establishment of an annual appropriations limit for certain governmental entities. The maximum annual appropriations limit for the City of Red Bluff has been established as \$23 million dollars. The appropriations limit shall be subject to adjustment as provided by law. All expenditures of the retail transaction and use tax revenues authorized pursuant to this Ordinance are subject to the appropriations limit of the City of Red Bluff.

SECTION 28. ENJOINING COLLECTION FORBIDDEN.

28.01. No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City of Red Bluff, or against any officer of the State or the City of Red Bluff, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

SECTION 29. CAPTIONS.

29.01. The titles and headings to the sections set forth in this Ordinance are not part of this Ordinance and shall have no effect upon the construction or interpretation of any part hereof.

SECTION 30. EFFECTIVE DATE.

30.01 This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City of Red Bluff transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 31. TERMINATION DATE.

31.01 The authority to levy the tax imposed by this ordinance shall expire March 31, 2045.

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SECTION 32. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE.

32.01. This Ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City of Red Bluff City Council on July 16, 2024, and adopted at the regular meeting of the City of Red Bluff City Council on August 6, 2024, with further reading thereof having been waived by a vote of the members present.

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AYES: Councilmembers: Hurton, Gonzales, Deiters and Parker

NOES: Councilmembers: Strock

ATTEST:

s/ CLAY PARKER
CLAY PARKER. MAYOR

<u>s/ Anita rice</u> Anita rice, deputy city clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

City of Red Bluff Expenditure Plan

State and federal transportation funding has dropped severely in recent years, with once dependable funds becoming increasingly unreliable. Transportation's primary fund source, the gas tax, and our vehicles are more fuel-efficient than ever with the State of California push to EV and alternative fuels vehicles, which further erodes revenue generated by the gas tax. Therefore, the revenues available to operate, maintain and improve our local transportation system have not kept up with the needs of the City. Over the next decade, City of Red Bluff residents will experience a sharp decline in the condition of the City's local streets.

Based upon a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) survey that was completed in December 2023, the average PCI of Red Bluff streets is 39 out of 100. Projections show the average PCI would drop to 20 over the next decade if nothing is done to improve street conditions.

A new, reliable source of transportation funding is needed to maintain our City's streets.

City of Red Bluff voters are being asked to approve a 20-year, ¾ of one cent sales tax to address these needs. Twenty-four other counties in California have already approved similar ballot measures making them 'Self-Help' Counties. With these voter-approved local transportation funds, Self-Help Counties are able to maintain and improve their transportation systems. They are also more successful in competing for funding and

leveraging a larger share of state and federal dollars. Self-Help funds generated must stay local and can only be spent on transportation. If the City of Red Bluff voters pass a sales tax measure, then the City would increase our odds in competing for funds because we will also be a Self-Help City.

The City of Red Bluff Expenditure Plan ("Plan") was developed through a comprehensive review and examination of the Pavement Condition Index survey, which is a product of the City's Pavement Management Program (PMP). The Plan outlines the streets set for improvement and includes costs for engineering design, adjacent ADA improvements, construction, and construction management. The Plan has been supported and approved by the Red Bluff City Council.

Self-Help in the City of Red Bluff would:

- Generate approximately \$3.8 million per year based on ¾ of one cent sales tax for an estimated total of \$76 million over the course of the measure's lifetime.
- Be required to be used for LOCAL projects and LOCAL priorities to benefit only Red Bluff, prohibiting Sacramento from taking possession of these funds;
- Be subject to strict accountability including annual financial audits and full
 public disclosure to ensure funds are used efficiently, effectively, and as
 promised.
- Allow the City of Red Bluff to compete for State and Federal matching funds and grants, thereby increasing revenues;
- Deliver an Expenditure Plan with a specific list of projects; and
- Include an Oversight Committee to ensure projects and programs in the Plan are actually funded and/or completed

The Expenditure Plan

Revenue Estimates and Distribution

Over the course of the 20-year plan, it is estimated that \$76 million dollars will be generated for local transportation investments. This amount was calculated based on a 10-year average of sales tax revenues throughout the City of Red Bluff that was then reduced to reflect a conservative estimate.

Allocation of Self-Help revenues is established within this Plan. The estimated revenue and allocation among categories is based upon 2024 value of money and is not binding or controlling.

This funding will serve as an investment that will leverage future local, State and Federal grant opportunities. Funds may be used for all phases of project implementation, including planning, environmental, permits, and design, right-of-way, and/or construction capital and operations projects. State and federal fund sources that may also be used to implement transportation projects and programs in the next decade include the State Regional Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Senate Bill 1 (SB1), Inter-regional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Freight and Highway Projects Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality.

All revenue estimates and allocations contained in this Plan are for illustrative purposes. Actual net revenues may fall above or below the projections contained in the Expenditure Plan, therefore actual revenue allocations to each category will be based on revenue received by year.

Local Control 100%

Local Streets, 100%, \$76,000,000

Recognizing that streets are the backbone of our transportation system, this Plan provides funds to the City of Red Bluff, distributed primarily based on sales tax revenues generated to support local streets. These funds will be used exclusively for repair and maintenance — no new streets will be funded. These funds must be used to augment current transportation spending and cannot be used to replace a local agency's general fund expenditures.

Available uses for the Local Control funding category include:

- Fixing potholes.
- Maintaining local streets and roads,
- Providing safe route to school for children,
- Improving safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists,
- Maintaining, improving or constructing streets, bridges, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities,
- Community Enhancements, such as downtown streetscapes, ADA improvements, transportation enhancements, way finding, and accessibility improvements, street lighting, street furniture and trees,
- Programs that reduce transportation demand.
- Storm damage repair and improvements to transportation facilities
- Street drainage facilities.
- Traffic signal coordination, intersection and channelization, and
- Traffic management.



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Safeguards Built Into The Plan

This Expenditure Plan includes strong taxpayer safeguards to ensure that the projects approved by the voters are funded and delivered.

Citizen Oversight

An Oversight Committee will be created to provide an enhanced level of accountability for expenditures made under the Plan to ensure that all voter mandates are carried out and that the financial integrity and performance of the program is maintained. The Oversight Committee will include five members, which will include at least one resident, one business owner and one property owner within the City of Red Bluff limits.

Annual Independent Audit and Annual Reporting

Annual fiscal and compliance audits will be conducted by a CPA, to assure that the revenues expended are necessary and reasonable. The audits and annual Report must be published and made available to the public.

Sunset Date

This measure terminates in 20 years.

No revenue generated from this tax shall be used to replace fair share contribution from new development.

Revenues provided from this measure shall not be used to replace private developer funding that has been or will be committed for any project to help alleviate the direct traffic impacts of any new or redeveloped residential, commercial or industrial development in the City of Red Bluff.

Strategic Plan

The City of Red Bluff will prepare and adopt a Local Streets Strategic Plan (LSSP) within twelve months of the sales tax taking effect. The LSSP will include project cost estimates, revenue estimates, other matching funds, and a draft timeline for project delivery. Its prime purpose is to clarify program and project costs, schedule, financial plans and project readiness to expedite project delivery and to allow projects that are 'ready' to proceed forward within the parameters of the Expenditure Plan.



IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY COUNSEL THE CITY OF RED BLUFF MEASURE R

The Red Bluff City Council has placed Measure R on the ballot. Ballot Measure R would adopt a ¾ percent (3/4%) transactions and use tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") in Red Bluff. The proceeds of this tax would be placed in a special fund to be used only for local street repair and transportation safety projects, including, among other things:

- · repairing potholes;
- · maintaining local streets;
- · providing safe routes to school for children;
- improving safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists;
- upgrading sidewalks to improve disabled access;
- qualifying for state and federal matching funds.

The tax would be in addition to existing sales tax, and it would be levied on the sale or use of tangible personal property sold at retail. Retailers collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the State Board of Equalization, which administers the tax. Tax proceeds cannot be confiscated by the state.

An Independent Oversight Committee will be established to review an independent audit of tax receipts and how they are spent each year and will advise the City of Red Bluff on how tax money should be spent. The City of Red Bluff must discuss the audit results at a public meeting each year and post them on its website.

Because Measure R limits the purposes for which the tax revenue can be used, it is a "special tax" requiring two-thirds (2/3) voter approval. If approved, the tax will remain in effect for twenty (20) years and is estimated to raise approximately \$3,800,000.00 annually over the twenty-year period.

A "ves" vote is a vote in favor of authorizing the 3/4 percent (3/4%) transactions and use tax.

A "no" vote is a vote against authorizing the transaction and use tax.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure R. For a copy of the measure, please contact the City Clerk Department at (530) 527-2605 or email arice@cityofredbluff.org, a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

s/ Sophia Meyer Sophia Meyer, City Attorney



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

Red Bluff streets are crumbling, with an average street condition well below "at risk." Our *poor* and *failing* pavement condition makes us one of the few cities in the region whose streets rank **SIGNIFICANTLY** worse than the state average.

Vote YES on R to fix potholes, maintain local streets, and provide safe routes to school for children.

Measure R creates dedicated funding <u>only</u> for local street, sidewalk maintenance, and pothole repairs according to a detailed expenditure plan. Measure R must follow an ordinance with extremely strict accountability provisions and taxpayer protections – nothing can be redirected to other projects or taken by the state.

Vote Yes on Measure R to:

- Fix and prevent potholes
- Maintain local streets
- Provide safe routes to school for children
- Prevent damage to our vehicles
- **Improve** safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists
- Upgrade sidewalks to improve disabled access

Strict Taxpayer Protections Required:

- By law, annual independent financial audits and full public disclosure of all spending required
- All funds must be spent locally only for Red Bluff
- A Citizens' Oversight Committee ensures funds are spent properly
- The state cannot take Measure R funding away
- Basic necessities like groceries and prescription medications WON'T be taxed

Red Bluff has 113 miles of streets in need of repairs <u>now</u>. Measure R is a prudent, responsible plan that makes Red Bluff eligible for state and federal matching funds, potentially doubling our investment.

Join us in voting YES on Measure R.

s/ Matthew Petersen Vice President, Red Bluff Fire Fighters Association

s/ Clay D. Parker Mayor, City of Red Bluff

s/ Araceli Gutierrez Renteria Small Business Owner





Language assistance

The following election materials will be translated in Spanish and available at all polling places:

- · A copy of the ballot
- · Voting Instructions
- · State Voter Guide
- · Voter Bill of Rights

All Tehama County polling places provide a Spanish facsimile ballot. A list of polling places and their locations can be found at https://www.tehama.gov/government/departments/elections/

Los siquientes materiales electorales se traducirán al español y estarán disponibles en todos los lugares de votación:

- · una copia de la boleta electoral
- · las instrucciones para votar
- · la Guía estatal para votantes
- · la Declaración de Derechos de los Votantes

Todos los lugares de votación del Condado de Tehama proporcionan un facsímil de la boleta en español. Se puede encontrar una lista de los lugares de votación y sus ubicaciones en

https://www.tehama.gov/government/departments/elections/

Requesting a facsimile ballot

You may request a Spanish facsimile ballot be mailed or emailed to you by contacting the elections office via mail, telephone, or email.

Cómo solicitar una boleta facsímil

Usted puede solicitar que se le envíe una boleta facsímil en español por correo postal o por correo electrónico si se comunica con la Oficina de Elecciones por correo postal, teléfono o correo electrónico.

Voting assistance

As a voter, you may bring up to two individuals with you to your polling place to help you cast your ballot, as long as those individuals do not represent your employer or your union. Your polling place will have copies of the ballot in Spanish and may have poll workers ready to assist you who speak this language.

Asistencia para votar

Como votante, usted puede ir al lugar de votación acompañado por hasta dos personas para que le ayuden a emitir su boleta, siempre y cuando esas personas no representen ni a su empleador ni a su sindicato. Su lugar de votación tendrá copias de las boletas electorales en español y es posible que haya trabajadores electorales listos para ayudarle que hablen este idioma.

Background

California law requires the Secretary of State in January before the primary election for Governor to identify which precincts have 3% or more of the voting-age residents who are members of a single language minority and lack sufficient skills in English to vote without assistance.

For more information in English, please contact the elections office:



(530) 527-8190 or Toll Free (866) 289-5307

(530) 527-1140



Accessible voting

At the polling place



To check polling place accessibility, look for the wheelchair symbol on the back cover of this pamphlet. If your site is accessible, below the symbol you will find the word YES.

In some polling places, temporary thresholds, ramps, signage, cones, and door props, are used to improve access to the facility.

Curbside voting

If your polling place is not accessible, you may vote on a paper ballot from a nearby accessible location, including a car. A poll worker will qualify you to vote and return the voted ballot to the polling place. Some polling locations have a call button that rings inside the polling place.

Accessible voting system

Each polling place in the county has an electronic accessible voting machine with:

- an audio option that reads the ballot to you
- a universal plug for personal assistance device
- large print (24 points)

Voting information

Audio versions of the information about state candidates and/or measures and local candidates and/or measures are available upon request. The recordings are available approximately four weeks before the election.

How to request assistance

To request any of these options for assistance with accessible voting: Phone Tehama County: (530) 527-8190 or toll free (866) 289-5307

Disability Rights of California will operate a statewide Election Day hotline 7am to 8pm on Election Day: November 5, 2024 1-888-569-7955

You can now vote from home on a computer or smart phone using Remote Accessible Vote By Mail (RAVBM). RAVBM allows you to mark your ballot electronically then print it and submit it by fax: 530-527-1140 or by mail to P.O. Box 250 Red Bluff, CA 96080. Call our office for more information or go online to https://www.tehama.gov/government/departments/elections/



TEHAMA COUNTY POLLING LOCATIONS FOR ELECTION DAY

All polling locations will be open on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

BOWMAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, 18335 BOWMAN RD. BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 22270 BEND FERRY RD. RED BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER, 1500 S JACKSON ST. FAIRGROUNDS TEHAMA ROOM, 650 ANTELOPE BLVD SACRED HEART PARISH HALL, 2355 MONROE ST. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1135 LINCOLN ST. EL CAMINO METHODIST CHURCH, 8345 HWY 99W CORNING CITY HALL, 794 3RD ST. MT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 341 SOLANO ST. CORNING VETERANS HALL, 1620 SOLANO ST. LOS MOLINOS VETERANS HALL, 7980 SHERWOOD BLVD. CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH VINA, 26370 5TH ST.

LAKE CALIFORNIA LAKE CLUB, 22431 RIO ALTO DR. RIDGEWAY PARK, 19725 RIDGE RD.
DIBBLE CREEK FIRE STATION, 20230 HWY 36W RED BLUFF MOOSE LODGE, 11745 HWY 99W TEHAMA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION, 727 OAK ST. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 525 DAVID AVE. GERBER BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 301 SAMSON AVE. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 506 COLUSA ST. RANCHO TEHAMA REC HALL, 17605 PARK TERRACE CONE METHODIST CHURCH, 11220 HWY 99E MILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 25145 TAFT ST. CAPAY JT. ELEM. SCHOOL, 7504 CUTTING AVE.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 545 BERRENDOS AVE.

TRINITY LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 20910 HAMPTON RHODES DR.

TEHAMA COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE, 633 WASHINGTON ST. RM. 17, RED BLUFF

TEHAMA COUNTY VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

IMPORTANT: Hours listed for each drop box are the business hours for the facility at the time of printing. These Drop Boxes are maintained by the Elections office and ballots will be retrieved at regular intervals throughout the dates listed below. <u>ALL</u> Drop Boxes will be locked and/or removed at 8:00PM on November 5, 2024.

October 7th thru November 5th

Inside - SavMor	590 Solano St., Corning	Hours: 7:00AM - 10:00PM Daily
Inside - NuWay Market	8049 Hwy 99E, Los Molinos	Hours 7:00AM - 9:00PM Daily
Inside – Tehama County Library	545 Diamond Ave., Red Bluff	Hours 1:00PM - 7:00PM Monday thru Friday
• Inside – Food Maxx	94 Belle Mill Rd., Red Bluff	Hours 6:00AM - 12:00AM Daily
Inside – Historic Courthouse Lobby	633 Washington St., Room 17, RB	Hours 8:00AM - 5:00PM Monday thru Friday
Outside – Tehama County Administration	tion 727 Oak St., RB (parking lot)	24 Hours a day



Sign up to track your ballot

Where's my ballot?

The Tehama County Election's office is now offering voters a new way to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot. Sign-up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notifications about your ballot.



Voting by mail is EASY.

After marking your choices on your ballot, simply:



Seal it.

Secure your ballot inside the envelope from your county elections office.



Sign it.

Make sure the <u>signature on your ballot envelope matches</u> the one on your CA driver license / state ID, or the one you provided when registering. Your county elections office will compare them to protect your vote.



Return it.

By mail - Make sure your ballot is postmarked by

November 5, 2024. No stamp required!

OR

In person - Drop your ballot off at a secure drop box, polling place, or county elections office by **8pm on November 5, 2024**.



Track it.

You can sign up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov for alerts by text (SMS), email, or voice call on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot.

If you make a mistake on your ballot contact the Elections Office at (530) 527-8190 or toll free (866) 289-5307 for the procedure to obtain a replacement ballot.

POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8 P.M.

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